

BREAK GROUND FOR BIG PLANT

Steel Towers for Air Beacons Being Made in Torrance

IDECO HAS WORK FOR GOVT.

International Derrick and Equipment Co. Delivers 36 Big Units

LIGHT FOR AEROPLANES

Uncle Sam Gets Towers for Air Route at Local Factory

Steel towers for beacon lights to guide aviators at night up the coast from Los Angeles north are being made in Torrance by the International Derrick and Equipment company. Thirty-six of the towers have already been delivered.

The towers are being purchased by the United States Government through the Aviation Division of the Department of Commerce.

As routes are indicated by beacon lights shining at intervals of 15 miles privately owned lights which shoot their beams into the sky will be dismantled by government order.

Santa Fe Will Pave Streets in Tract Next Week

Council Approves Map for Record; Streets to Be Deeded to City

The City Council Tuesday night approved a map of the Santa Fe industrial tract. The company filed a letter stipulating that the streets laid out on the map will be paved at once and dedicated to the city of Torrance within a year.

Outside Firms May Fight License Tax

Evidence that a fight against the business license tax imposed in Torrance on outside firms who sell goods here but maintain no place of business in the city were revealed at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday night.

Former Torrance Man Dies in L. B.

Word was received here Monday of the death in Long Beach of C. C. Christman, former manager of the Torrance Theatre.

Steamship Team Here for Sunday

Murphy's Comedians of Hawthorne took Torrance into camp Sunday by a score of 7 to 4. The local ball team lost the game on one lone error.

Observations

Dawes Looming Now as Strongest Candidate in Republican Presidential Free-for-All—Corporations and the Income Tax—Women's Legs and Reformers

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

BOTH FRONT OBSERVATIONS
Editor's Note—The following editorial on national politics was written on Tuesday. Wednesday morning's papers published a statement by President Coolidge amplifying his "I do not choose" decision made at Rapid City last summer.

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ELECTION HELD BY MASONS

J. E. McMasters Is Named Master By Torrance Lodge

OTHERS ARE SELECTED
New Heads Will Be Installed Sometime in January

At the election held last night by Torrance Masonic lodge, the following officers were chosen by a unanimous vote: John E. McMasters, worshipful master; Ernest N. Tomkins, senior warden; Hugh R. Seckler, junior warden; W. H. Stanger, secretary; Joe Stone, treasurer.

The officers will be seated sometime in January. The ceremony will be open to invited friends of members.

Torrance Wins 3 of 4 Games of Basketball

Local Fives Defeat Jordan School Quintets Friday

Basketball has started off with a bang. Last week Torrance played four league games with Jordan. Out of the four games, Torrance won three. Classes A, B, and C won while class D lost by three points.

The Torrance teams have been practicing regularly every night for some time, during which practice games have been played with other schools.

There are a good many veteran players and also some fine material. Class A is a strong team on account of having letter men such as Quigley and Townsend.

Class B boasts of Cook, Kolesar, and Townsend as their letter men. Classes C and D have players of equal skill.

The teams all look forward to a successful year and Coach Michael is doing his best to help them succeed.

The squads are as follows: Class A—Ben Townsend, Perry Quigley, Melvin McFarland, Hartley Carr, Willard Lusk, Fred Powell, Edgar Dumont.

Class B—Bill Barnes, Koichi Kyomura, Jack Prince, Rodger Christensen, Jack Ross, John Kolesar, Joe Townsend, Simon Schipper, John Young, Harold Cook, Edward TenEyke, Franklin Hudson, Merritt Bradshaw.

Class D—Stanley Creighton, Lee Herring, Rudolph Huber, Paul Lessing, Leonard Lock, Waldo McDowell, Richard Pullman, Paul Sleppy, Robert Williams.

Class C—Clarence Carpenter, Dallas Danford, Chas. Faulkner, Harold Hudson, Orville Hudson, Geo. Kyle, Donald Perry, Charles Ruppel, Howard Totten, LaDorne Hall.

Charity Campaign Over Top by \$500

The Torrance charity drive which closed yesterday went over the top by more than \$500. J. W. Post and Sam Levy, who took the subscriptions announced. The total of the subscriptions for the Torrance Relief Society and the Boy Scouts was \$2061.

The subscription list follows: Previously collected \$1971.00 Union Ice Co. 25.00 E. C. Nelson 10.00 Lewis Hippie 10.00 C. M. Mackenzie 5.00 Mrs. Ben Hannebrink 5.00 Torrance Toggery 10.00 Duly's, Inc. 25.00 Total \$2061

Laf-a-lot Club Has Merry Time at Beebe Home

Mrs. Joe Beebe entertained the Lafalot Club at 500 Wednesday evening at her home in Lonata. An enjoyable time is reported by the guests. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. E. McMasters, Mrs. J. Moore and Mrs. Paul Vonderhark.

Members present were Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mrs. O. Batsch, Mrs. Hoy McFarland, Mrs. Griffith Reese, Mrs. Floyd Cook, Mrs. Billie Valen, Mrs. Charles Corn, Mrs. Ted Wartz, Mrs. E. E. McMasters, Mrs. Paul Vonderhark and Mrs. J. E. McMasters.

Saturday-Sunday Playground Opens

Herbert S. Wood, principal of the Torrance High School announced yesterday that a Saturday and Sunday supervised playground has been inaugurated in Torrance by the Board of Education.

The playground will be open each Saturday from 10 A. M. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. and on Sunday from 9:00 to 5:30 p. m. Showers will be available for those who take advantage of the playground. A physical director will be on hand. Plenty of equipment for games of all kinds will be available.

Surprise Party for Miss Roberts

The 17th birthday of Miss Claudia Roberts was the inspiration of a merry little surprise gathering, Friday evening at the home of Claudia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Roberts of G street, Wilmington.

Music games and dancing furnished diversion for the following young people: Misses Evelyn Haladay, of Long Beach; Effie Elade and Juanita Meacham; Howard Halladay of Long Beach; George Wilkinson, Harold Hammack and Charles Carter.

Greatest Castings Ever Poured on West Coast Will Go Into Columbia's New Torrance Mill

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The largest and heaviest steel castings ever made on the Pacific Coast were produced by the Columbia Steel Corporation at Pittsburg, Calif. for installation in the new 36-inch blooming mill which the corporation now has under construction at Torrance. The above pictures indicate the tremendous bulk of the huge castings. At the top is a casting for the mill pinion housing. It weighs 64,020 pounds. Below is the mill housing casting, weighing 52,180 pounds.

These two big castings together with other heavy material for the new Torrance mill were shipped from Pittsburg to Los Angeles, where they are being machined by the Llewellyn Iron Works. The train which carried the castings southward bore a huge placard calling the attention of the world that Columbia is the largest steel company in the west. The name of Torrance was prominently displayed on the banner.

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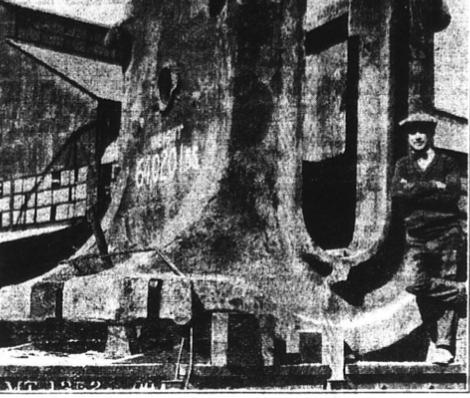
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HUGE OIL MFG. CO HERE

Doheny Stone Drill Corp. Starts Work on \$750,000 Factory TO EMPLOY 250 FEB. 15 Skilled Machinists Will Operate Big Plant in Torrance



Ground was broken Monday on the Petroleum Securities Corporation property west of Pennsylvania avenue in the newly annexed part of Torrance for a large manufacturing plant of the Doheny Stone Drill Corporation. The plant not including machinery and equipment will cost in the neighborhood of \$750,000. Complete with equipment the building program of the company, which manufactures rotary oil well drilling machinery will entail an outlay of almost one million dollars.

The first part of the new plant building program is now underway. It will be 150 feet by 260 feet in dimensions. It will be of steel and reinforced concrete construction completed about Feb. 15. It will be placed in operation at once with 250 men on the payroll, the employees will be almost entirely skilled machinists.

The product manufactured by the company which is now operating a small plant in Glendale is a hydraulically controlled and improved drilling outfit. The site on which the company is erecting its plant comprises 14 acres. Officers of the company are as follows: E. L. Doheny, president; R. L. Doheny, vice-president; King C. Gillette, treasurer; R. R. Bay, vice-president; Fred Stone, vice-president; R. N. Smith, secretary; Fred White, treasurer; R. A. Silent is chief engineer of the company.

Negotiations for the location of the plant in Torrance have been under way for several months. It was secured from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the Santa Fe Railroad. Several weeks ago the company had virtually decided to locate elsewhere but at the behest of the Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Fe finally concluded that labor conditions and other advantages for manufacturing in Torrance were too advantageous to pass by. The new plant will employ the same type of workmen as the Union Tool Company and is therefore considered a most valuable addition to the list of Torrance industries. Backed financially by such men as the Doheny and Mr. Gillette the latest industrial newcomer to Torrance will be one of the major factors in this city manufacturing and residential development.

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BILL THE BARBER SAYS
All egotists have I trouble.

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Next Sunday at the high school grounds Torrance will meet the Pacific Steamship company nine at 2:30 p. m.

At Torrance, hospital, Dec. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomson, 2213 Cabrillo avenue, a son.

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